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Marxwalde Airfield /Runway
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APPENDICES:

Attached at Appendix "A" is a photostat showing the relative position of the main runway and associated features of the new airfield under construction. 25X1

Attached at Appendix "B" is a rough sketchmap showing the relative position of the eastern end of the runway.

Attached at Appendix "C" is a rough sketchmap showing the relative position of the western end of the runway.

1. RUNWAY DETAILS

- (a) The concreting of the new runway is continuing and to date three strips, each approximately 7-7½ metres in width, have been completed over the entire length, and a fourth strip is being laid from the eastern end. A narrow gully strip, approximately 3-3½ metres in width, adjoins the northern edge of the entire runway.
- (b) Three further strips of similar width have been marked out and track rails have been laid in preparation for the mechanical Verteiler. The entire bed of the new runway has now been prepared and when finished it will have a width of approximately 58'- 60 metres.
- (c) Each concrete strip is being locked to the other by a tongue and grooving system, the tongue being on the southern side of each strip. There are no metal rods or signs of sheet matting to indicate that the concrete is being reinforced in any way.
- (d) A concrete-laying machine (Verteiler) of standard width (approximately 7½ metres) is now being used to lay down individual sections in each strip. A layer of approximately 25 cms. of rolled ballast is being used as a foundation to the concrete.
- (e) The two terminals of the new runway have been pinpointed as MRs 47052925 and 49702970, giving the runway a length of 2.65 kms.
- (f) [redacted] the runway had a length of 2.3 kms. and that it was proposed to lay down two parallel taxiways with a series of hardstandings in the wooded area adjoining the western end of the runway. 25X1

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2. PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE TAXIWAYS

Adjoining both ends of the new runway pegging out of a series of tracks has now commenced. It is too early to ascertain the exact layout but the tracks (approximately 50 metres in width) lead off in both directions, almost at right-angles to the runway, i.e. North and South, to a distance of approximately 150 metres respectively.

3. AIRFIELD OCCUPATION

The entire site is lightly guarded by black-uniformed German civilian works police. No S.A.F. or E.G.A.F. personnel were observed anywhere either on the airfield or in the immediate vicinity.

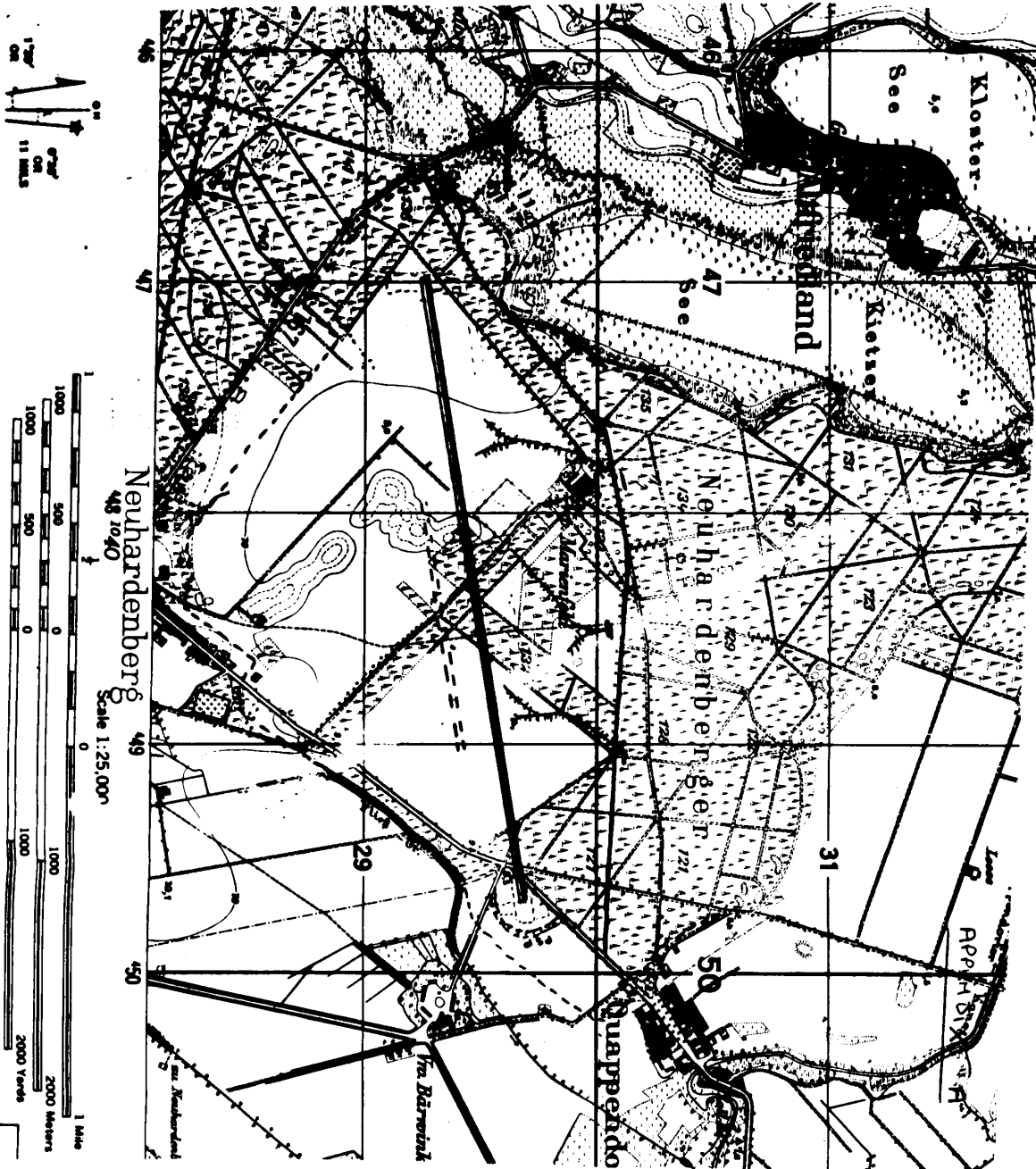
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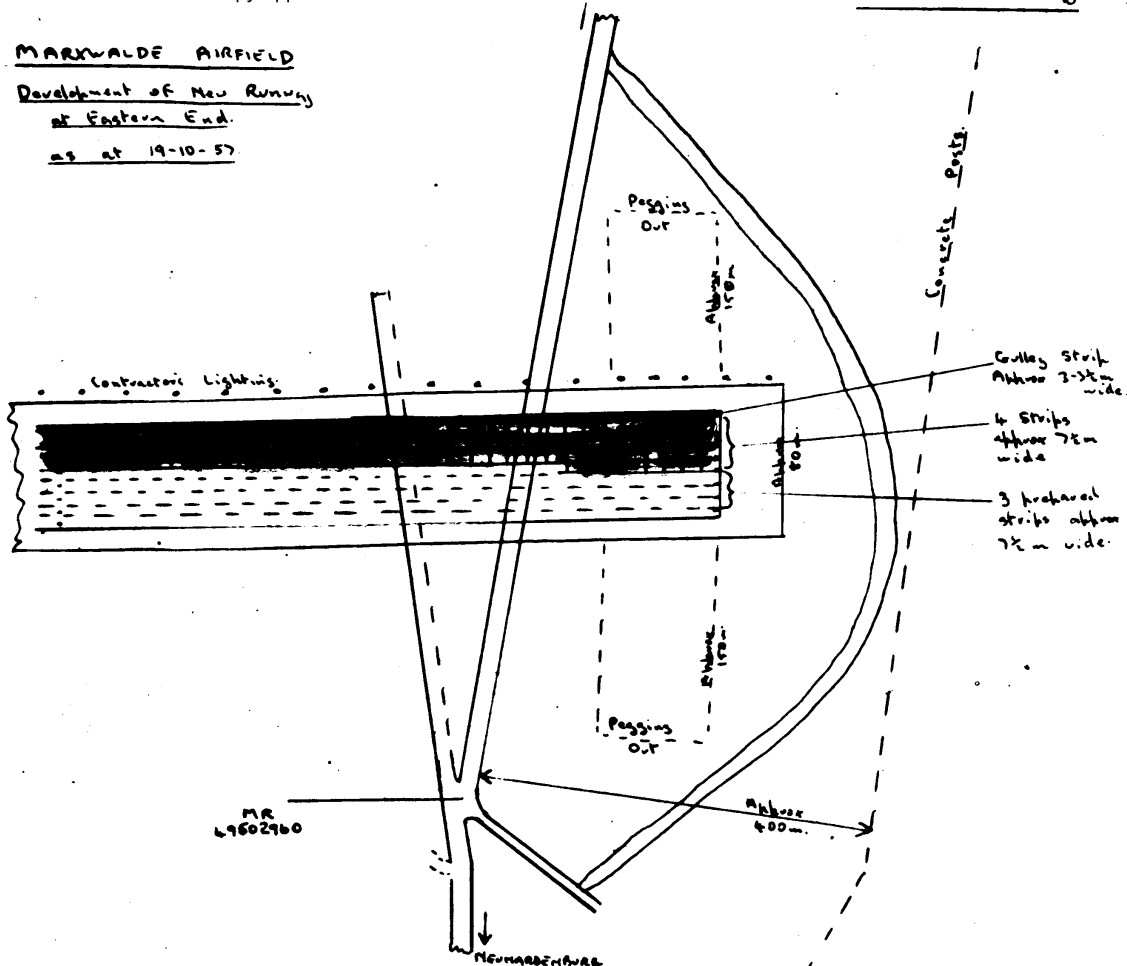
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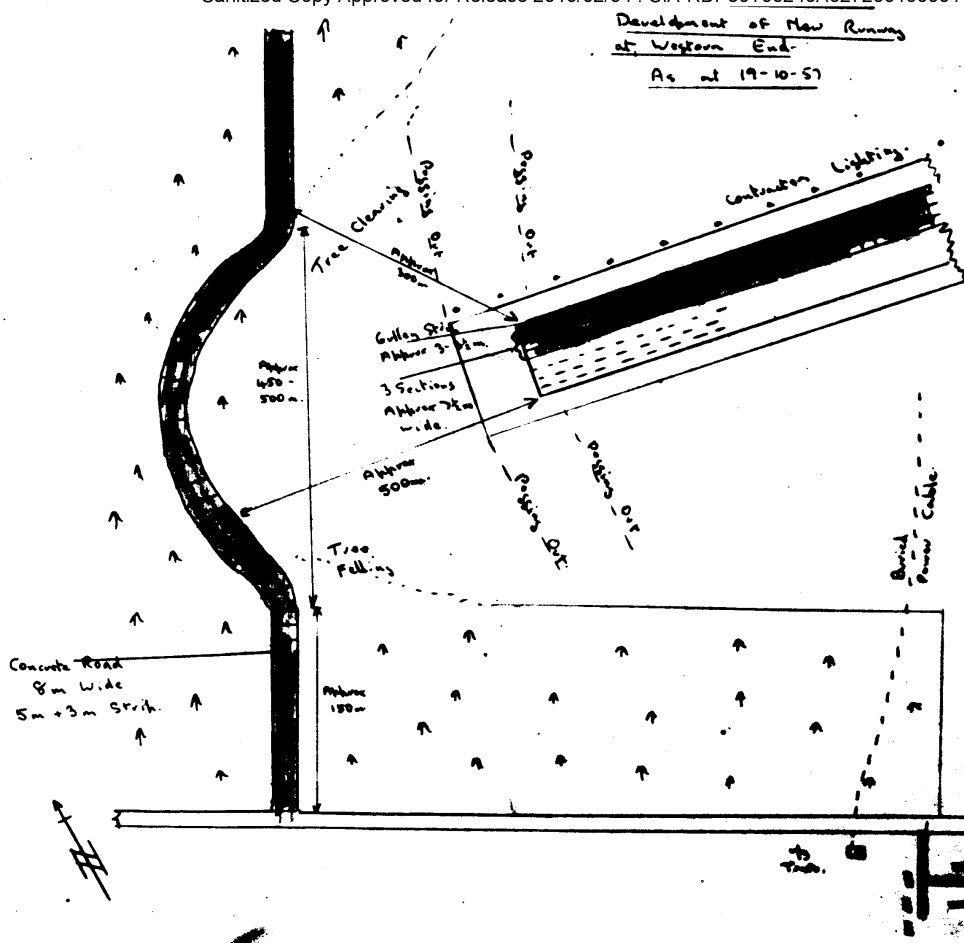
APPENDIX "B"

MARKWALDE AIRFIELD
Development of New Runway
at Eastern End.
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